

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF COLORADO
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I am pleased to announce that the district judges have unanimously selected Jeffrey P. Colwell to be the court's next Clerk of Court. The court believes that Mr. Colwell possesses the requisite qualifications to provide outstanding leadership to the court for many years. As a part of the interview process last week, a cross section of the Clerk's Office Staff had an opportunity to meet with Mr. Colwell. Without exception, they ranked him extremely high in many important categories. In my recent conversations with Mr. Colwell since he accepted the court's offer, he expressed enthusiasm for the opportunity to serve the District of Colorado as the next Clerk of Court.

Mr. Colwell is near the completion of an almost 25 year distinguished career in the United States Marine Corps where he currently holds the rank of Colonel. For the past several years, Mr. Colwell has served as Chief Defense Counsel for Military Commissions. In this position, he has been responsible for organizing, training, equipping and supervising the 90-member office that provides legal representation to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba detainees brought to trial before military commissions. In addition, Mr. Colwell, who is a graduate of Suffolk University Law School, has excelled as an attorney, legal advisor and supervisor in a variety of challenging and significant positions while in the military.

To allow adequate time for Mr. Colwell to fulfill the balance of his military obligations and relocate his family from the state of Virginia to Colorado, his likely start date is Monday, September 17. As you are aware, Greg Langham previously announced his intention to retire as of June 15, 2012 or whenever his successor takes office. Therefore, Mr. Langham will remain as Clerk of Court until Mr. Colwell arrives.

Wiley Y. Daniel
Chief United States District Judge